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SUBJECT: CIVIL SERVICE BENEFICIARY CHECKS

1. TREASURY ADVISES THAT AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF BENEFITS CHECKS DATED JANUARY 2, 1975 FOR CIVIL SERVICE BENEFICIARIES IN THE CANAL ZONE AND POSSIBLY ALSO REPUBLIC OF PANAMA WERE RELEASED FROM CHICAGO DISBURSING CENTER WITHOUT SIGNATURE OF RESPONSIBLE DISBURSING OFFICER. AFFECTED CHECKS ARE CORRECTLY PREPARED IN ALL OTHER RESPECTS AND TREASURY IS WILLING TO HONOR THEM.

2. ACCORDING CHICAGO DISBURSING CENTER ARNOLD HENRIQUEZ, TITLE UNKNOWN, AN OFFICER OF CHASE MANHATTAN BANK OFFICE IN BALBOA HAS BEEN INFORMED OF SITUATION AND HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT CHECKS FOR PAYMENT IF PRESENTED BY PROPER PAYEES. TREASURY ASKS EMBASSY'S COOPERATION IN REQUESTING SIMILAR COURTESIES FROM APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL AT CANAL ZONE OFFICE OF FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK. DEPARTMENT
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SUGGESTS TREASURY'S ARRANGEMENT BE CONFIRMED WITH HENRIQUEZ

AS WELL. SHOULD CHECKS ADDRESSED TO BENEFICIARIES IN
REPUBLIC OF PANAMA BE LIKEWISE AFFECTED, AGREEMENT MAY HAVE
TO BE SOUGHT FROM OTHER BANKING INSTITUTIONS. ANY CHECKS
WHICH CANNOT BE NEGOTIATED DUE MISSING SIGNATURE COULD BE
SENT BACK TO CHICAGO DISBURSING CENTER FOR SUBSTITUTE
PAYMENT, HOWEVER THIS ROUTE EXTREMELY TIME-CONSUMING AND
SHOULD BE AVOIDED IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. INGERSOLL

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